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(E) STATE 21242

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ADVISE US THAT EXACT DATES
ARE NOW BEING SET FOR SOME OF THE PLANNED HIGH LEVEL
VISITS TO SWEDEN REPORTED EARLIER (REF A). MFA SECRETARY
GENERAL ASTROM HAS INFORMED US THAT THE VISIT TO
STOCKHOLM BY YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO IS SET FOR LATE
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MARCH. (DESPITE EFFORTS TO KEEP FACT OF TITO'S VISIT

SECRET FOR SECURITY REASONS, SWEDISH PRESS HAD REPORTED THAT VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE, ALTHOUGH NOT THE DATES.) AS REPORTED REF B, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO OF PAKISTAN WILL VISIT SWEDEN FEBRUARY 20, AND IN MAY, VISITS BY AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KIRSCHSCHLAEGER AND MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ARE PLANNED.

2. STILL UNCERTAIN IS THE EXACT DATE OF PRIME MINISTER PALME'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. ASTROM EXPRESSED SOME IMPATIENCE ABOUT DELAY ON PART OF SOVIETS IN RESPONDING TO SWEDISH PROPOSAL THAT VISIT TAKE PLACE WEEK OF APRIL 12. SWEDES, HE SAID, WERE KEEPING THIS DATE OPEN PENDING SOVIET REPLY, BUT WITH PASSAGE OF TIME REST OF PALME'S CALENDAR IS FILLING UP, WHICH WOULD MEAN SOME OTHER IMPORTANT EVENT MIGHT HAVE TO BE CANCELLED IF SOVIETS PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE DATES.

3. ON FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, SVEN ANDERSSON, ACCOMPANIED BY ASTROM, WILL TRAVEL TO INDIA FIRST WEEK OF MARCH, THUS MAKING VISIT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LAST DECEMBER BUT SUBSEQUENTLY POSTPONED (REF D). MFA SOURCES SAY ANDERSSON MAY GO TO COPENHAGEN FOR NORDIC MEETING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO INDIA TRIP. ANDERSSON ALSO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO THE U.S. OF KING CARL XVI GUSTAF (REF E).

4. AS REPORTED REF C, AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA WILL VISIT STOCKHOLM FEBRUARY 16-17. ALSO EXPECTED SHORTLY IS VISIT BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ROMANIA GLIGA, AS GUEST OF ASTROM.
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